

# **Broughton Parish Council**

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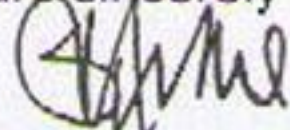
Dear Mr Dickenson

## **Town and Parish Council Funding Review - 2012**

I refer to your letter of 17 August last and would confirm that this Council has now formulated its response to this consultation. Using the question numbers from the Questionnaire pro-forma, the Parish Council's replies are as follows:

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. The parish Council is NOT in agreement with KBC's Executive Committee's preferred option as it is double taxation for the rural area.
4. Continuation of the status quo.
5. Council Tax pays for the services given to both Town and Rural dwellers. From this Council Tax the Grant system contributes towards the running costs of Parish Councils with the extra amount needed to run the PCs being met by raising a precept, paid for by those living outside the Town. The Town not being 'parished' does not pay additionally. If the grant system is removed parishioners will have to pay even more by way of a precept to cover these costs.
6. Yes
7. N/A
8. Nothing has changed following the previous consultations on this issue. KBC should provide its reasons for the change to enable parishioners to understand the benefits to them of changing the system, unless it is just to save £80,000 at the expense of rural dwellers. The Grant system has worked well for many years. The proposed changes will be difficult to explain to those parishioners who we represent. More than any other tier of local government, Parish Councils effectively operate as a voluntary service where people give freely of their time and effort and this represents great value.

Yours sincerely



Clerk to the Parish Council

## NORTH NORTHANTS JOINT CORE STRATEGY EMERGING PLAN CONSULTATION

Pam, Hilary, Roy, Les, David and Mary met on 15 October to discuss the above. Apologies for absence were received from Robin, Pam Roke and Paul Gordon.

All were in agreement that the JPU document was not aggressive to rural areas.

However the views of KBC and the JPU on development in the rural villages were diverse..

The document states that development should be led by local needs.

It was felt that the Site Specific document needs to be more robust.

The hierarchy of the documents need to be known before a response can be made.

The role of Principal Villages needs to be further defined.

The JPU to be made aware that -

A Broughton proposes to produce a Neighbourhood Plan, but meanwhile will produce a Vision Statement for Broughton.

B Over the past 15 years 135 new houses have been built in Broughton.

C The village boundary should be retained as at present.

D Broughton has extensive traffic issues the main problem being that the right hand turn to Kettering on the A43 is at capacity (as confirmed by NCC) and a new right hand turn will be required before further development can take place.

Any further views or comments to be sent to <sup>Hilary</sup> Les or David before the end of the week and they will compile and circulate a draft response.

An update on the proposed Local Needs Survey in Broughton is required as soon as possible.